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FILED: November 10, 1998 **GROUP:** 1654
TITLE: SMALL PEPTIDES AND METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF
ASTHMA AND IMFLAMMATION


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated May 24, 1999, restriction was required to one of inventions identified as I. through X. Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement. Each of the separate inventions is classified in class 514, subclass 18. It is not seen where it would be an undue burden to conduct the search once because the composition used for treatment is the same for each invention. Indeed, it would be inefficient not to search the subclass once, causing an undue burden on applicants.

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In any event, applicants submit that inventions I and VII should be searched and examined together because the mucous release is typically associated with allergic reaction. Thus, Applicants provisionally elect invention I and, if possible, invention VII.

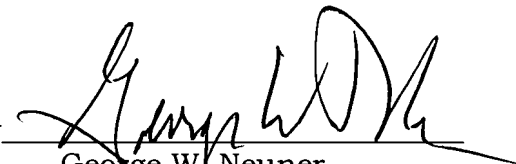
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